

Meeting	The Scrutiny Committee
Date and Time	Wednesday, 23rd November, 2022 at 6.30 pm.
Venue	Walton Suite, Winchester Guildhall

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A limited number of seats will be made available at the above named location however attendance must be notified to the council at least 3 working days before the meeting (by 5pm on Thursday, 17 November 2022). Please note that priority will be given to those wishing to attend and address the meeting over those wishing to attend and observe.

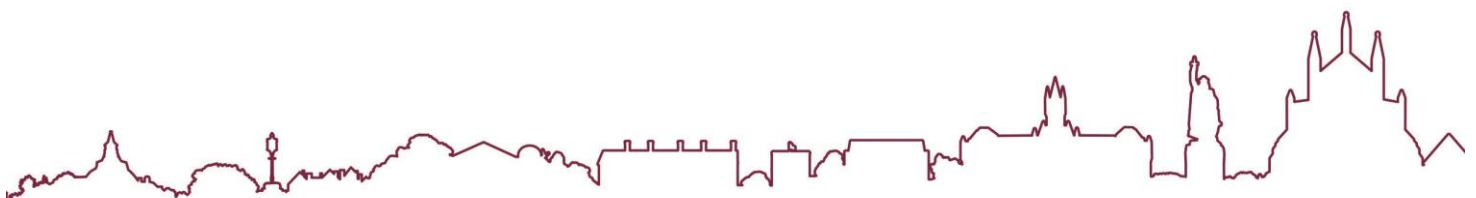
AGENDA

- 1. Apologies and Deputy Members**
To note the names of apologies given and deputy members who are attending the meeting in place of appointed members.
- 2. Declarations of Interests**
To receive any disclosure of interests from Members and Officers in matters to be discussed.

Note: Councillors are reminded of their obligations to declare disclosable pecuniary interests, personal and/or prejudicial interests in accordance with legislation and the Council's Code of Conduct.

If you require advice, please contact the appropriate Democratic Services Officer, prior to the meeting.

- 3. Chairperson's Announcements**
- 4. Minutes of the meetings held on the 7th September 2022 and 29th September 2022 (Pages 7 - 20)**
That the minutes of the meetings be signed as a correct record.



5. **Public Participation**

To receive and note questions asked and statements made from members of the public on matters which fall within the remit of the Committee.

Members of the public and visiting councillors may speak at Scrutiny, provided they have registered to speak three working days in advance. Please contact Democratic Services by 5pm on 17 November 2022 Thursday, 17 November 2022 via democracy@winchester.gov.uk or (01962) 848 264 to register to speak and for further details.

6. **HRA Business Plan and Budget Options (Pages 21 - 52)**

Further to discussion at Cabinet on the 15 November 2022, the committee are asked to note the following:

1. A clarification to the following paragraph. "13.8 The large increase in costs and in current PWLB interest rates will likely affect the potential viability of individual new build schemes when they are financially evaluated and members may want to consider the trade-off between delivering new Passive House plus developments and rent levels in order to deliver these schemes."

***Clarification.** This referred to the fact that the funding level of new unidentified schemes was based on this investment level, it did not mean to imply that the council had any agreed policy of future Passive House development.*

2. An amendment to the following paragraph. "13.7 This has resulted in a significant increase in the investment requirement within the HRA 30-year Business Plan to deliver the same quantity of new homes as last year. The budgeted cost has increased from £536m to £719m within the plan, an overall increase of £182m or 34%. Table 12.6 over shows the forecast overall change in investment required and how this is to be funded. This shows that a significant part of the funding for this increased cost is coming from increased HRA borrowing, compared to last year there is an increase of 70% or £122m in the borrowing required to fund the programme."

***Amendment.** The reference should be to table 13.8 not 12.6*

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That:

1. It is recommended that the committee comment on the proposals within the attached Cabinet Committee: Housing report, ref CAB3365.
2. It is noted that the committee will be presented with the detailed Housing Revenue Account report at its meeting on the 7th February 2023 prior to Full Council on the 23rd February 2023.

7. **General Fund Budget Options & Medium Term Financial Strategy** (Pages 53 - 90)

The attached report - CAB3374 which was presented to cabinet at its meeting on the 15 November 2022 sets out options for the 2023/24 budget, including anticipated changes and budget proposals.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That:

1. It is recommended that scrutiny committee comment on the proposals within the attached cabinet report, which can then be considered by cabinet prior to its meeting in February 2023.
2. It is noted that the committee will be presented with an updated General Fund Budget report at its meeting on the 7th February 2023 prior to Full Council on the 23rd November 2023.

8. **Q2 Finance and Performance Monitoring** (Pages 91 - 172)

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Scrutiny Committee:

1. Notes that the Performance Panel met on the 7 November 2022 to scrutinise the attached report, CAB3367 and its associated appendices. The minutes of the panel's meeting are included as an appendix of the Cabinet report.
2. Notes that the Chairperson of Performance Panel will provide a verbal update at the Scrutiny Committee.
3. Raises with the Leader or relevant Cabinet member any issues arising from the information in this report, ref CAB3367, which is being presented to Cabinet on the 14 December 2022 and considers whether there are any items of significance to resolve or to be drawn to the attention of Cabinet.

9. **To note the Work Programme for 2022/23** (Pages 173 - 174)

10. **To note the latest Forward Plan of Key Decisions** (Pages 175 - 184)

Laura Taylor
Chief Executive

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THE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – Membership

Chairperson: Councillor: Brook
Vice Chairperson: Councillor Horrill

Committee Members

Cook
Cramoysan
Craske
Cutler
Laming
Westwood

Quorum = 4 Members

Relevant Cabinet Members:

Having regard to the content of the agenda, the Chairperson requests that The Leader and all relevant Cabinet Members attend meetings of the committee

Public Participation

A public question and comment session is available at 6.30pm for a 15 minute period. There are few limitations on the questions you can ask. These relate to current applications, personal cases and confidential matters. Please contact Democratic Services on 01962 848 264 in advance of the meeting for further details. If there are no members of the public present at 6.30pm who wish to ask questions or make statements, then the meeting will commence.

To reserve your place to speak, you are asked to **register with Democratic Services by 5pm on Thursday, 17 November 2022** – please see public participation agenda item above for further details. People will be invited to speak in the order that they have registered, subject to the maximum time period allowed for speaking not being exceeded. Public Participation is at the Chairperson's discretion.

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Voting:

- Apart from the Chairperson, every member has one vote when a matter before the meeting requires a decision.
- In the event of an equality of votes, the Chairperson may exercise a casting vote and that vote may be exercised in any way seen fit.
- A member may abstain from voting or vote differently from how they may have indicated during the debate, without further explanation.
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